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## Interview Summary

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Date of Interview Apr 6, 2001

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 2-7, 16, 21, and 23-48

Identification of prior art discussed:

IRIARTE ('561); SHIPPERT ('402)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

MR. NEILS INDICATED THAT CLAIMS 3 AND 32 DEFINE ADHESIVE TO BE PRESENT ON THE SURFACE OF THE RESILIENT MEMBER AND BETWEEN THE RESILIENT MEMBER AND THE FLEXIBLE TRUSS. MR. NEILS THEREFORE, INQUIRED AS HOW THE EXAMINER IS READING IRIARTE ONTO CLAIMS 3 AND 32. EX. LEWIS INDICATED THAT THE LANGUAGE OF CLAIMS 3 NOR 32 DEFINE ADHESIVE TO BE ON EACH OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED SURFACES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN CLAIM 32, BEGINNING AT LINE 9, "...CONTACT WITH ADHESIVE AT A SURFACE THEREOF WHICH SURFACE FACES DIRECTIONS AT LEAST IN PART THAT ARE FACED BY SAID END SURFACES OF SAID TRUSS:..." DOES NOT DEFINE AN ADHESIVE ACTUALLY ON THE SURFACE OF THE RESILIENT MEMBER WHICH FACES A PATIENT'S SKIN AND BETWEEN THE RESILIENT MEMBER AND THE TRUSS, RATHER IT MERELY INDICATES THAT A SURFACE IS IN CONTACT WITH AN ADHESIVE. CONSEQUENTLY, IRIARTE CONTINUES TO BE READABLE THEREON.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Aaron J. Lewis  
Primary Examiner

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.